

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom  
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Lakewood, WA 98498

Pierce College Puyallup  
1601 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.  
Puyallup, WA 98374

Pierce College at Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
(JBLM)

McChord Main  
Education Center, Bldg. 851

Lewis Main  
Stone Education Center, Bldg. 6242

Pierce College at Graham  
22100 108<sup>th</sup> Ave.E.  
Graham, WA 98338

[www.pierce.ctc.edu](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu)

## Student Profile

Total Enrollment: 16,170  
Faculty/Student Ratio: 21

## Program Intent

College/University Transfer: 55%  
Professional-technical: 40.1%

## Admission Requirements and Criteria

Pierce College has an open-door admissions policy, practices equal opportunity, and does not discriminate in its educational programs. No one is denied admission to the college because of race, color, national origin, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or use of a trained guide dog or service animal.

Anyone who is 18 years of age or older, or whose high school class has graduated, or is a high school graduate or has earned a GED, or has qualified for admission through Running Start or a successor program, may enroll at Pierce College. Students who are 16 or 17 years of age and do not meet the

minimum admissions standards, must obtain written permission from the school district of residence before being accepted for admission and/or enrolling in Pierce College courses.

As a policy, Pierce College does not admit students under the age of 16. Under certain circumstances, special consideration may be given to students who petition for an underage admission exception. Students should begin the petition process at least 30 days prior to the start of the quarter they wish to attend by contacting the admissions office.

## Special Admissions Programs

Some programs, such as the Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, Veterinary Technology, and Nursing, have special admission requirements.

## Requirements for non-U.S. Citizens

Students who are not U.S. citizens must present a Permanent Resident card, I-94, or other immigration documentation at the time of application or registration so that residency for tuition-paying purposes may be determined. In addition, individuals on non-immigrant visas must meet additional admission requirements.

## Admissions Fees

There is no admission fee.

## Housing

The Center for Global Scholars is a residence hall where domestic and international students come to live and learn together. For more information on the Center for Global Scholars, please visit <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie-cgs>.

## Dual Credit Options

### Running Start

Through the Running Start program, high school students may enroll in up to 15 college-level credits (based on students' combined high school and college enrollment) per quarter tuition-free.

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a junior or senior
- Qualify for English 101 and demonstrate college level reading ability through Accuplacer assessment or other placement methods.

Students attending private schools must enroll in the public high school they would otherwise attend for funding purposes. Home-schooled students must inform their local school district that they will be participating in Running Start, file an Intent to Home School form, and be evaluated as a junior or senior by their local school district.

For more information on the steps to get started, please visit the Running Start website at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/running-start>.

### **Estimated Annual Expenses**

Tuition (3 quarters with 15 credits)	\$4,300
Books/Supplies	\$900
Fees	\$500
Total	\$5,425

### **Financial Aid**

For more information on financial aid, please call 253-964-6544 or visit <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/financial-aid>.

### **Campus Visits**

Phone: (253) 840-8470 or (253) 840-8342  
 Virtual tour website:  
<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/visit>  
 Email: [rschindler@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:rschindler@pierce.ctc.edu)

### **Bachelor of Applied Science degrees**

Dental hygiene, homeland security emergency management, teaching, and applied business management

### **Sports and Recreation**

Raider Athletics participates in the highly competitive Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC), which is composed of 36 regional members in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. The Raiders field teams for women in basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, and volleyball; and for men in baseball, basketball, and soccer. Pierce College Fort Steilacoom serves as home for the baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's cross country, and volleyball teams. Pierce College Puyallup is home for the men's and women's soccer and women's softball programs. Pierce College also provides

opportunities for students to show their school spirit on the Raider Cheer Squad and Raider Mascot Team.

Raider Athletics has a rich tradition of success, dating back to the program's inaugural season in 1968-69, when the college first participated in men's basketball. Raiders teams have won conference championships in softball ('82), soccer ('92), and baseball ('12). More info can be found at [www.PierceRaiders.com](http://www.PierceRaiders.com).

### **Excellence in Student Success**

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom was recognized by the prestigious Aspen Institute with a Rising Star award for dramatically improving student outcomes. This award places Pierce College in the top five best community colleges in the nation. Pierce received the honor thanks to improved student retention and completion over time, a commitment to equitable outcomes for students, service to military students and their families, and a dedicated focus on helping all students overcome obstacles. The college's completion and transfer rate of 59 percent is nearly 20 percentage points above the national average.

Pierce College has also increased its graduation rate by 108 percent over the past eight years. Thanks to its proven track record of achieving new, higher student outcomes and narrowing equity gaps, Pierce College was named a Leader College of Distinction by Achieving the Dream.

### **Student Life**

Pierce offers a variety of clubs and activities. In addition, Pierce has chapters of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honors society for two-year colleges.

The Fort Steilacoom campus features the 58-seat Science Dome, which has become the only digital planetarium of its kind in the South Puget Sound region. The Science Dome offers live astronomy presentations, full dome videos on a 38-foot domed screen, interactive children's shows, K-12 field trip, Pierce College class instruction, special events and more.